

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated September 6, 2006, which rejected all claims pending at that time. Specifically, claims 1 -41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0093575 filed by Upton. Claims 21, 22, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bayeh. Applicants have elected to cancel claims 1 – 41, reserving the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application. Applicants have added new claims 42 – 58 and respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the new claims. Applicants submit the new claims are patentably distinguishable over the sections of Upton cited in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5093.

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